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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: 09/926,362

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FOR: ALUMINUM NITRIDE SINTERED  
BODY, CERAMIC SUBSTRATE,  
CERAMIC HEATER AND ELECTRO-  
STATIC CHUCK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE TITLE

Please delete the title beginning on page 1, line 3 and replace with the following title.

ALUMINUM NITRIDE SINTERED COMPACT, CERAMIC  
SUBSTRATE, CERAMIC HEATER AND ELECTROSTATIC CHUCK

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) The aluminum nitride sintered body according to claim 1,  
wherein said aluminum nitride sintered body contains oxygen.